

EGLE Classroom EnviroSchool Webinar Series

April 13, 2023: Compost, Food Waste, and You

For further resources on composting and food waste prevention in Michigan, check out these resources shared by our presenters.

Reducing Food Waste

- EGLE's Food Waste Site: http://www.michigan.gov/foodwaste
 - See "Food Waste Reduction in Your Community" for recommendations and resources for K-12 schools.
- Food Waste is a "wicked problem" What's a Wicked Problem?
- EGLE's <u>Sustainable Food Management Hierarchy</u> prioritizes actions we can all take to prevent and divert wasted food
- Take EGLE's <u>Food Hero Pledge</u> to commit to reducing food waste and helping fight climate change.
- Check out the <u>K-12 resources offered by Food Waste Prevention Week</u> (also celebrate Food Waste Prevention Day on April 26)
- Learn to run a food waste audit with EPA's Guide to Conducting Student Food Waste Audits
- Make Food Not Waste Organization creating lasting solutions to food waste in Detroit
- <u>2022 Earth Day Student Webinar Recording</u>: Watch Aaron Hiday's presentation on sustainable food management starting at 18 minutes in

Composting

- EGLE's Composting Site: www.michigan.gov/eglecompost
 - See "<u>School Resources</u>" section for a lot of great lesson plans and other resources around composting!
- Reap a Heap of Benefits: EGLE's guide to home composting
- <u>Composting EnviroMinute Video</u> featuring Aaron Hiday
- <u>Talking Trash EnviroSchool session</u> from December 2023 featuring Tracy Purrenhage and Rhonda Oyer.



Other Recommended Food Waste & Composting Educational Resources

- Pack A Waste-Free Lunch | US EPA: EPA developed the Waste-Free Lunch activities to help students learn how to reduce, reuse, and recycle items in their school lunches.
- Kids Go Green: Reducing Food Waste | PBS LearningMedia
- <u>Reducing Food Waste Activity Book</u> Help Apple and her friends learn how to reduce food race and help protect the environment; Grades 3-5
- Stop Food Waste video from EGLE's Earth Day 2020

EGLE Classroom Environmental Education Resources:

- EGLE Lending Station
- MEECS (Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support)
 - Register for <u>MEECS Week at the Academy of Natural Resources</u> in Roscommon July 9-14,
 2023 and get trained in all MEECS units, including 3 newly updated in 2023!
- EGLE <u>Career Series</u> Video featuring Aaron Hiday being released April 26th!
- EGLE Classroom

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